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Wednesday, 10 November 1993 at 5.30 p.m.

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President: Mr. INSANALLY (Guyana)

The meeting was called to order at 5.15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 15 *(continued)*

ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN PRINCIPAL ORGANS:

(c) ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

(i) MEMORANDUM BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/48/432-S/26489)

(ii) LIST OF CANDIDATES (A/48/433/Rev.1-S/26490/Rev.1)

(iii) CURRICULA VITAE (A/48/440-S/26497 and Corr.1)

The PRESIDENT: As members are aware, there is still one vacancy on the Court to be filled. The Assembly will now proceed to vote in respect of the remaining vacancy.

I should like to remind representatives once again that, pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure,

> "After the President has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting."

Therefore, any announcements such as those concerning withdrawals of candidatures should be made prior to the commencement of the voting process - that is, before the distribution of the ballot papers.

The meeting was suspended at 5.20 p.m. and resumed at 5.35 p.m.

The PRESIDENT: Ballot papers will now be distributed. The voting process has now begun.

All the candidates whose names appear on the ballot paper are eligible. The names of Mr. Carl-August Fleischhauer, Mr. Géza Herczegh, Mr. Shigeru Oda and Mr. Shi Jiuyong, who were elected members of the Court at the previous meeting, have been deleted from the ballot paper.

May I remind delegations that the name of only the one candidate for whom they are voting should be marked with an "X", as indicated on the ballot paper. Any ballot paper on which more than one name is marked will be declared invalid. Votes may be cast only for those whose names appear on the ballot papers.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Yahya (Brunei Darussalam), Mrs. Valle Camino (Cuba), Ms. Resch (Finland), Mr. Suziedelis (Lithuania) and Ms. Iiyambo (Namibia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.45 p.m. and resumed at 6.30 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	174
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	174
Abstentions:	2
Number of Members voting:	172
Required majority:	94
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Abdul G. Koroma (Sierra Leone)	107
Mr. José Luis Jesus (Cape Verde)	58
Mr. Krzysztof Skubiszewski (Poland)	7
Mr. Nasrat Munla Hayder (Syrian Arab Republic)	0
Mr. Enrique P. Syquia (Philippines)	0

The PRESIDENT: Mr. Abdul G. Koroma has obtained an absolute majority in the General Assembly.

I have communicated the result of the vote to the President of the Security Council, and, in turn, I have received from the President of the Security Council the following letter:

> "I have the honour to inform you that at the 3310th meeting of the Security Council, held on 10 November 1993, for the purpose of electing five members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office beginning on 6 February 1994 Mr. José Luis Jesus obtained an absolute majority of votes."

Since no candidate has obtained an absolute majority in both organs, it will be necessary, in accordance with the provisions of article 11 of the Statute of the Court, to hold a third meeting to fill the remaining vacancy. I propose that this meeting should be adjourned and that the third meeting should be held immediately to vote on the remaining vacancy.

The meeting rose at 6.35 p.m.